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1. Felix VEJARANO said at the end of June 1949 that he had personally negotiated with Indalecio PRIETO the Monarchist-Socialist agreement and the establishment of the liaison committee (Comite de Enlace) in exile. The Comite de Enlace was practically inoperative at the end of June, he added, since the liaison committee functioning inside Spain (Comision Interior de Coordinacion) and the Comite de Enlace differed as to the competency and functions of each. The Socialists inside Spain were making more far-reaching commitments than those outside. PRIETO, according to VEJARANO, was displeased with this state of affairs, and in order to free himself of criticism and responsibility, he had surrendered the maximum authority to the Socialists inside Spain who adhere to the Comision Interior de Coordinacion. General Antonio ARANDA, VEJARANO said, was acting in complete accord with the Monarchist movement, and with its authority.
2. According to VEJARANO, FRANCO told Don Juan at their interview in August 1948 that with the certain Republican victory in the US, the vindication of Spain would come in the United Nations and the Anglo-saxon countries would offer FRANCO every financial aid in return for his collaboration in connection with an imminent European conflict. FRANCO reportedly promised Don Juan that once this situation obtained, he, FRANCO, would dedicate himself exclusively to the military problems of the moment, immediately restoring the Monarchy.
3. VEJARANO considered the current situation very critical for FRANCO, but did not prophesy a change, nor did he mention specifically the reported request by the Pretender of an interview with FRANCO.* He was awaiting news of a conference in Estoril with a Monarchist emissary from the interior, which was scheduled to take place during the week ending 23 June,** and of a Monarchist agent's attempts to find out from FRANCO his plans for the immediate future. On this information, VEJARANO said, would depend the conduct and the strategy which the Monarchist movement would follow in the future.

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** Probably the interview with Jose PARDO Andrade reported in Madrid. [REDACTED]

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